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REMARKS

The patent examiner examined claims 11-31 in the present Office Action. He rejected claims 11-21 and indicated claims 22-31 would be allowable if amended.

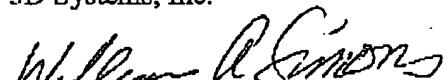
Specifically, claims 11-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over Sanders et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,740,051), in view of Leyden (U.S. Patent No. 6,193,923). This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Further, claims 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious and unpatentable over Leyden (U.S. Patent No. 6,193,923). This rejection has also been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 18 to include the limitation of claim 22. It is believed this amendment places remaining claims 18-21 and 23-31 on condition for allowance.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call the Applicant's attorney collect at Rock Hill, South Carolina, if in the Examiner's judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if the application is considered not ready for examination or final disposition by other than allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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